NIGHT ON A DARK WHARF-
NO-!

FALK & BARRY 7/8
!

WHO WERE THEY- CAN YOU HEAR ME-?
HY-HY-

"-A WHISPER CAN GO AROUND THE EARTH"- OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
?
HYDRA-

YEAH- WE KNOW HIM- OLD JOEY - EX-CON - A STOOLIE-
YOU'RE THE CABBIE SAW THE SHOOTING?
I HEARD IT- COULDN'T SEE THEM - IT WAS TOO DARK.
PIER 4
BULANCE

I GOT TO HIM BEFORE HE DIED- HEARD HIS LAST WORD - HE BARELY WHISPERED IT-
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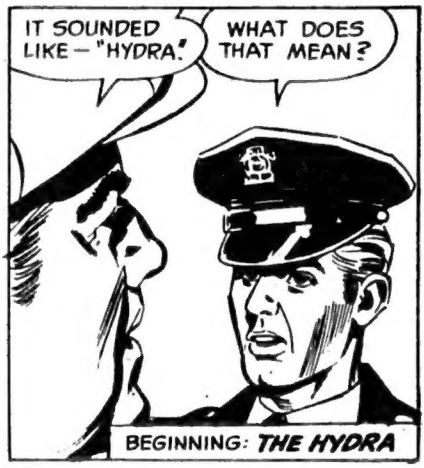
IT SOUNDED LIKE - "HYDRA!"
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
BEGINNING: THE HYDRA

YOU HAVE A HOUSE HERE?
NOT EXACTLY A HOUSE - MORE OF A HIDEOUT, DIANA.

BUILT BY ONE OF MY FOOT-LOOSE ANCESTORS A COUPLE OF CENTURIES AGO. I'VE ONLY BEEN THERE A FEW TIMES.

WE'LL HAVE TO WALK FROM HERE.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? I WOULD HAVE WORN BOOTS!

UP THERE? YOU EXPECT US TO CLIMB THAT? YOU MUST BE JOKING!
YOU'LL SEE-
FALK & BARRY 7/10

WE CAN'T CLIMB UP THIS WALL!
NOT WITHOUT EQUIPMENT. BUT THERE SHOULD BE A ROPE –

THE ROPE – IS COMING DOWN!
MY MACHINERY WORKS!

IT'S STILL IN GOOD SHAPE.
NOW WHAT? I – ER – CAN'T CLIMB THAT ROPE!

NO. WAIT HERE WITH DEVIL.
?
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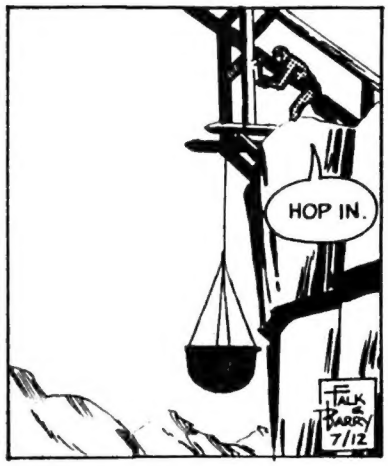
THE PHANTOM CLIMBS THE SHEER WALL –

EVERYTHING SEEMS IN ORDER UP HERE –


HOP IN.
FALK & BARRY 7/12

HOLD ON TIGHT.
DON'T WORRY (GULP) WE WILL!

IF I WEREN'T SO SCARED – I'D ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL VIEW!
FALK & BARRY 7/13

WELCOME TO THE EYRIE!
THE WHAT? I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO GET ANYPLACE IN MY LIFE!

I'M OFF DUTY.
YEAH?

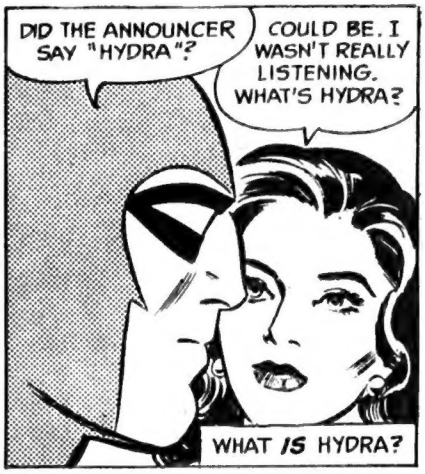
YOU THE HACKIE WHO FOUND THAT GUY ON THE WHARF TONIGHT?
WHAT IF I AM (GULP)?

WHAT A VIEW! YOU CAN SEE FOR 50 MILES! WHAT DO YOU CALL THIS PLACE?
THE EYRIE.
EYRIE—OH, AN EAGLE'S NEST!
THAT'S A HOUSE? IT LOOKS LIKE A CAVE.
TALK & BARRY 7/15
IT'S MARVELOUS!
ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME. ELECTRIC LIGHTING— RADIO—
CLICK
VICTIM'S LAST WORD WAS HYDRA — WHATEVER THAT—
WHAT'S IN HERE?
SHH.
NOW FOR THE WEATHER—
DIANA, DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID BEFORE?
NO— WHY?
I THINK IT WAS A POLICE REPORT— SOMETHING ABOUT HYDRA—
?
HACKIE, WHAT'D YOU TELL THE FUZZ?
WHAT I SAID! I HEARD THE SHOTS— I DIDN'T SEE A THING—
HEY — I TOLD YOU — THAT'S ALL!
YEAH? THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!
TALK & BARRY 7/16
I HEARD THE SHOTS— I DIDN'T SEE WHO — UH—
YEAH?
THE GUY TALKED BEFORE HE CROAKED. WHAT'D HE SAY?
HE SAID— HYDRA — OR SOMETHING— UH.
TALK & BARRY 7/17
HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING! GET IT, STUPID?
—GOT IT—
WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU, HACKIE. TALK—AND WE'LL BE BACK!

THE PHANTOM'S EYRIE.
ONE OF YOUR ANCESTORS MADE THIS PLACE?
YES — BUILT IT INTO ROCK.

LIKE YOUR CAVE IN THE DEEP WOODS — IT'S HARD TO GET TO.
WE LIKE PRIVACY.
TALK & BARRY 7/18

WHAT'S ALL THAT?
RADIO TRANSMITTER — RADIO PHONE FOR EMERGENCIES — DIANA, THAT REPORT WE HEARD —

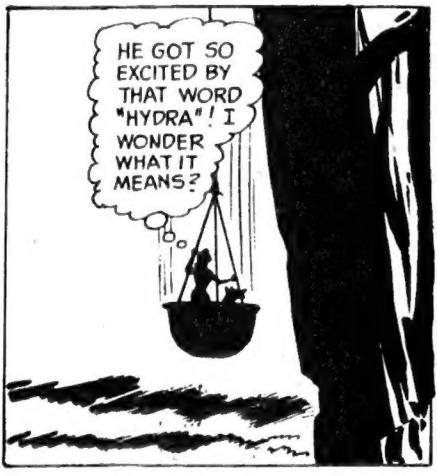

DID THE ANNOUNCER SAY "HYDRA"?
COULD BE. I WASN'T REALLY LISTENING. WHAT'S HYDRA?
WHAT IS HYDRA?

IN YOUR BROADCAST TEN MINUTES AGO — DID YOU SAY THAT THE VICTIM'S LAST WORD WAS HYDRA?
YES — WHO IS THIS?

THIS IS COLONEL WUZSTYXZ. WAS IT A POLICE REPORT?
YES. A SHOOTING ON A DOCK TONIGHT. COLONEL WHO?

COME, DIANA. WE HAVE TO HURRY BACK! GOT TO LOOK INTO THIS —
INTO WHAT?

THE SHOOTING. IF THE VICTIM REALLY SAID "HYDRA" IT MEANS BIG TROUBLE! HOP IN.
HYDRA?
UH — NOT THAT AGAIN!
TALK & BARRY 7/19


HE GOT SO EXCITED BY THAT WORD "HYDRA"! I WONDER WHAT IT MEANS?

CAN IT BE — HYDRA?

GOODBYE, EYRIE. THAT WAS A SHORT VISIT.
WE'LL BE BACK AGAIN, I HOPE.

WHAT DOES "HYDRA" STAND FOR? HYDROPHOBIA?
WORSE — IF HE REALLY SAID IT. WE'LL SEE.
TALK & BARRY 7/20

DIANA'S UNCLE DAVE.
DAVE PALMER! HOW ARE YOU? WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
CHIEF, I'D APPRECIATE YOUR SEEING A FRIEND.
—HIS NAME IS WALKER*
ANY FRIEND OF YOURS —SEND HIM OVER. HAPPY TO SEE HIM.
TALK & BARRY 7/22
* FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.
MR. WALKER?—CARE TO TAKE OFF YOUR THINGS?
NO, THANKS, CHIEF. A MAN WAS SHOT ON THE WHARF LAST NIGHT.
OLD JOEY, AN EX-CON—A STOOLIE—POOR FELLOW—THEY LIVE ON BORROWED TIME.
WHY WAS HE SHOT?
WHY WAS THE STOOL PIGEON SHOT? HE KNEW SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T!
—DID HE SAY ANYTHING AT THE END?
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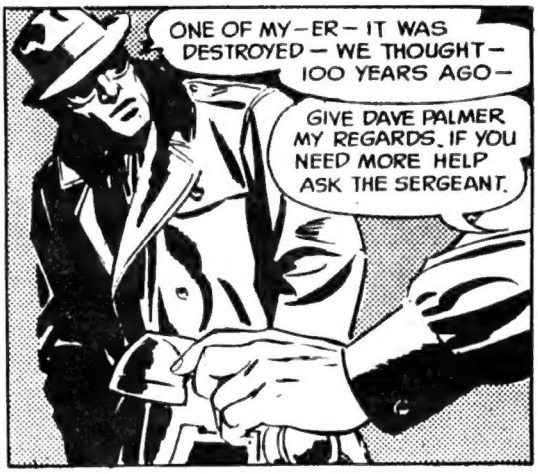
THE CAB DRIVER REPORTED HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE "HYDRA".
HE DID SAY IT! MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU, CHIEF?
HYDRA?—HYDROPHOBIA—HYDRAULIC?—HE WAS TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING—
WHY DOESN'T HE TAKE OFF HIS HAT?
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SAY—HYDRA.
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT, MR. WALKER?
TALK & BARRY 7/23
HYDRA? WHAT DOES IT MEAN, MR.-ER-WALKER?
HYDRA WAS A MYTHOLOGICAL MONSTER—
IS THIS FRIEND OF DAVE PALMER A NUT?
—HYDRA HAD NINE HEADS—CUT OFF ONE—HE'D GROW TWO IN ITS PLACE. HERCULES FINALLY KILLED IT.
HE IS A NUT.
UH—VERY INTERESTING—NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME—
CHIEF—300 YEARS AGO THERE WAS A GANG CALLED HYDRA.
TALK & BARRY 7/24
—IT INFESTED EUROPE, NORTH AFRICA, PARTS OF ASIA—
EXCUSE ME, I'M BUSY—!

MR.-ER-WALKER, I'M BUSY! WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT A EUROPEAN GANG 300 YEARS AGO?
IT LASTED TWO CENTURIES.


ONE OF MY-ER- IT WAS DESTROYED - WE THOUGHT - 100 YEARS AGO-
GIVE DAVE PALMER MY REGARDS. IF YOU NEED MORE HELP ASK THE SERGEANT.

SERGEANT! WHICH OFFICER FOUND THE MAN ON THE WHARF LAST NIGHT?
BURKE- OVER THERE.

DAVE, WHO IS THAT NUT? HE TALKS ANCIENT HISTORY.-
TALK & BARRY 7/25
CHIEF, I HOPE YOU LISTENED. HE DOESN'T WASTE WORDS.

I DON'T LIKE DOGS.
HE'S NOT A DOG. HE'S A WOLF.
TAXI

YOU FOUND THAT MAN ON THE WHARF LAST NIGHT. WHAT ELSE DID HE SAY TO YOU BESIDES "HYDRA"?
TAXI

NOTHING!

THEY GOT TO YOU. IS THAT WHERE YOU GOT THE BLACK EYE?
OUT OF MY CAB - OR I'LL BRAIN YOU!
TALK & BARRY 7/26

GET OUT OR- OUCH!
TALK & BARRY 7/27

DROP THAT! THE BOYS GOT TO YOU - TOLD YOU NOT TO TALK -
THAT'S HOW YOU GOT THAT BLACK EYE. SORRY ABOUT THAT JUST TELL ME ONE THING.

-DID OLD JOEY SAY ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES "HYDRA"?
NOTHING! -HONEST. LET ME ALONE.

THAT GUY'S IN THERE TALKING TO HIM.
WE TOLD HIM NOT TO TALK.

YOU GUYS HAVING A CHIT-CHAT? WHAT ABOUT?
STAY, DEVIL.
!

THE CABBIE'S SCARED STIFF. THIS MUST BE ONE OF THE GANG!

WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF YOURS?
DON'T BE SMART. WE ASK THE QUESTIONS, YOU ANSWER.
FALK & BARRY 7/29

I SEE. WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION?

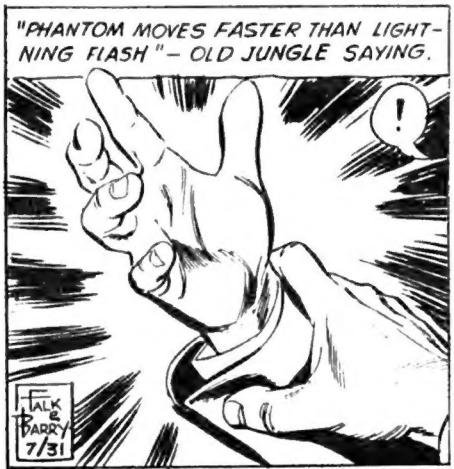
WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT? HMM. I WAS ASKING DIRECTIONS.
TELL IT LIKE IT IS. DIRECTIONS TO WHERE?

ANOTHER ONE BY THE FENCE— WATCHING US. SET A THIEF TO WATCH A THIEF.

NOT DIRECTIONS TO "WHERE." TO WHITHER. WHITHER ARE OUR YOUTH DRIFTING? WHITHER IS THE MINI-SKIRT GOING—UP OR DOWN—?
WHAT?
!
FALK & BARRY 7/30

WILL THE MINI-SKIRT GO UP OR DOWN — I WAS ASKING THAT KIND OF QUESTION—
YOU TRYING TO PUT ME ON?

NO, NOT AT ALL. ASK YOUR FRIEND BACK THERE—
UH—WHAT?


"PHANTOM MOVES FASTER THAN LIGHTNING FLASH"— OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
!
FALK & BARRY 7/31

MOVE, CABBIE!

?!
MOVE, CABBIE!

GO!
RIGHT!

A SHOT RINGS OUT--

UH-I'M HIT-
!
FALK & BARRY 8/1

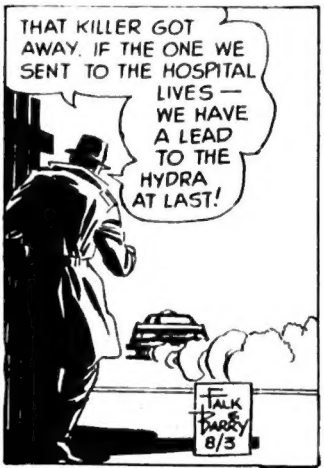
THIS MAN IS BADLY WOUNDED. GET HIM TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL AT ONCE!

HURRY!
BUT-WHO -ARE YOU?

THE OTHER HDYRA GUNMAN FLEES-
FALK & BARRY 8/2

THE HYDRA SILENCE THEIR OWN! WE CAN'T LET THIS ONE ESCAPE!

THE PHANTOM PURSUES THE HYDRA GANGSTER-


THAT KILLER GOT AWAY. IF THE ONE WE SENT TO THE HOSPITAL LIVES — WE HAVE A LEAD TO THE HYDRA AT LAST!
FALK & BARRY 8/3

TAKE HIM TO EMERGENCY.
I KNOW. WON'T I EVER GET OUT OF THIS THING?
YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE OUT A POLICE REPORT ON THIS, CABBIE.

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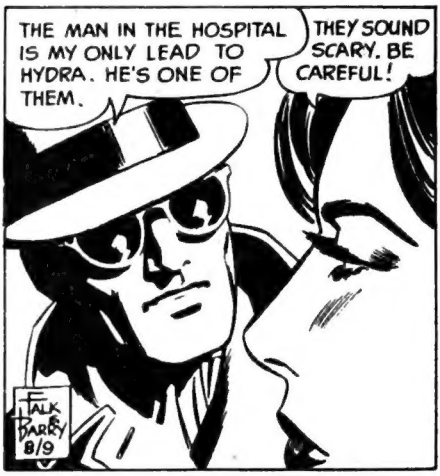
WHAT HAPPENED?
FIRST – THE POOR STOOLIE – WHOSE LAST WORD WAS "HYDRA."
THIS GANG'S TRYING TO WIPE OUT ANYONE WHO EVEN HEARD THAT – THEY WANT TO REMAIN – UNKNOWN!
FALK & BARRY 8/8

HYDRA? WHAT DO THEY DO?
I DON'T KNOW. I THOUGHT THEY WERE STOPPED A CENTURY AGO. THEY MUST BE WORLD-WIDE –

CAN'T YOU LET THE POLICE HANDLE IT?
I MUST FIRST PROVE THEY EXIST. I HAVE THE PROOF – IN THE HOSPITAL!

TSK-TSK.
LET ME DRIVE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
NO, DIANA. THEY MAY BE WATCHING. THEY MUSTN'T SEE YOU.


THE MAN IN THE HOSPITAL IS MY ONLY LEAD TO HYDRA. HE'S ONE OF THEM.
THEY SOUND SCARY. BE CAREFUL!
FALK & BARRY 8/9

POLICE. MUST BE QUESTIONING THE WOUNDED MAN.
HOSPITAL

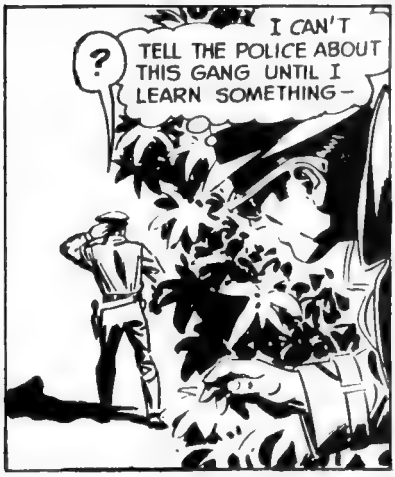
– THEY TIED UP OUR NIGHT NURSE AND INTERN – AND CARRIED HIM OUT!

THAT MAN WITH THE DOG – HE WAS HERE YESTERDAY – ASKING ABOUT THE CASE.
YEAH? HEY, YOU –

WAIT!

?
I CAN HARDLY IDENTIFY MYSELF TO THE POLICE – MUCH LESS A CROOK WHOM I DON'T KNOW.

THE GUY WITH THE DOG?
THAT'S HIM.
FALK & BARRY 8/10
CONT'D – THE HYDRA!


?
I CAN'T TELL THE POLICE ABOUT THIS GANG UNTIL I LEARN SOMETHING—

THAT'S THE GUY.

DID YOU SEE A MAN WITH A DOG ON A LEASH?
NOPE.

HE ASKS US!
WHAT KIND OF A GUY IS THAT?
MAYBE A FED. WE'LL FIND OUT.
FALK & BARRY 8/12

OUR ONLY LEAD TO THE HYDRA GANG — THAT MAN IN THE HOSPITAL — GONE! THE GANG GRABBED HIM —

HE WENT AROUND THAT CORNER, MUM. TAIL HIM.

HOW DO WE LOOK FOR HYDRA? WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?
FALK & BARRY 8/13

MY ONLY LEAD TO HYDRA — TAKEN FROM THE HOSPITAL! A VICIOUS CROWD — THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO REMAIN SECRET.

FALK & BARRY 8/14

?

THAT MAN STOPPED WHEN WE DID. WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED, DEVIL. WONDERFUL— HYDRA!

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT ALL LEADS TO HYDRA HAD VANISHED, THEY PUT A MAN ON MY TRAIL!

I WAS TRYING TO FIND THEM. NOW THEY WANT ME! GOOD!

DID HE KNOW HE WAS FOLLOWED? HE GAVE ME THE SLIP! WHERE'D HE GO?

HERE I AM
!
FALK & BARRY 8/15

WHERE IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF YOUR GANG — THE HYDRA? TALK!
UH-UH-

UH-UH-
HMM — HYDRA TAKES NO CHANCES. USES A MUTE TO TRAIL ME! CAN'T TALK IF CAUGHT —
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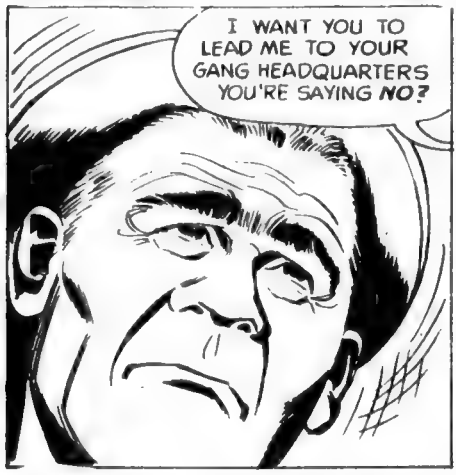
I WANT YOU TO LEAD ME TO YOUR GANG HEADQUARTERS YOU'RE SAYING NO?

"PHANTOM IS ROUGH WITH ROUGHNECKS" — OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
IT'S 11:00. IF WE'RE NOT THERE BEFORE 12:00 YOU WON'T HEAR THE CHIMES! YES?

NOW LEAD ME TO YOUR HEAD-QUARTERS. NO ONE WILL SEE ME FOLLOW YOU.
WAIT HERE — THEN START IN 3 MINUTES. I'LL BE WATCHING.

ROUGH GUY — WONDER WHO HE IS — 3 MINUTES ARE UP —
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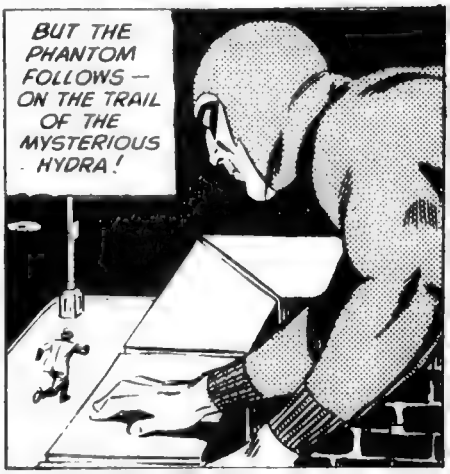
MAYBE HE WAS BLUFFING — NOT FOLLOWING ME AT ALL —


BUT THE PHANTOM FOLLOWS — ON THE TRAIL OF THE MYSTERIOUS HYDRA!

THE HYDRA – A MYTHOLOGICAL MONSTER WITH NINE HEADS!

– CUT OFF ONE HEAD AND TWO GREW IN ITS PLACE – AS HERCULES FOUND OUT – !

HERCULES – THE MYTH SAYS – FINALLY DESTROYED HYDRA WITH SWORD AND FIRE!

NOW THE PHANTOM TRAILS MODERN HYDRA – THE MYSTERIOUS CRIMINAL BAND!
FALK & BARRY 8/19

THAT GUY – SAID HE'D FOLLOW ME – DON'T SEE HIM – MAYBE HE TOOK OFF – SCARED –

THE PHANTOM WHO CAN TRAIL BIG CATS IN THE DARK HAS NO TROUBLE FOLLOWING "MUM."
FALK & BARRY 8/20

MAYBE HE'S WATCHING – WHOEVER HE IS – IF HE THINKS I'LL LEAD HIM TO OUR H.Q. – HE'S CRAZY.

I'LL TAKE HIM TO OUR DEATH HOUSE. HE'LL WIND UP HERE ANYHOW –
HOTEL

?

IF THIS GUY WAS WATCHING – I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO SEE ME TALKING. I PLAYED DUMB LIKE I COULDN'T TALK.
WHAT GUY?

I DON'T KNOW. THE GUY ZED ASKED ME TO TAIL. HE NABBED ME. I PROMISED TO LEAD HIM TO OUR H.Q.

INSTEAD I LED HIM HERE.
NOW, WASN'T THAT SMART OF YOU!
FALK & BARRY 8/21

THIS GUY YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO TAIL NABBED YOU AND YOU LED HIM HERE!
YEAH. INSTEAD OF THE H.Q.

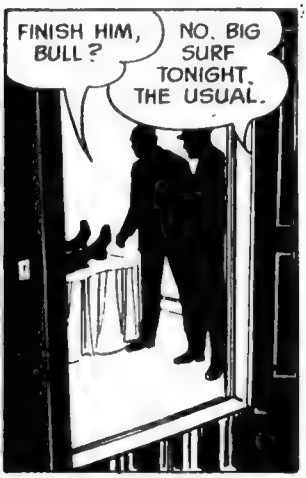
WASN'T I RIGHT? THIS IS THE DEATH HOUSE.
STUPID. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAIL HIM. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LED HIM ANYWHERE.

I HAD TO GO SOMEWHERE! WHERE COULD I GO?
-ONCE YOU'RE CAUGHT- YOU GOT NO PLACE TO GO!

WAS THAT A SCREAM -OR THE SCREECH OF A SEA GULL?
FALK & BARRY 8/22

IT CAN'T BE HYDRA HEADQUARTERS. HE WOULDN'T LEAD ME THERE. IT MUST BE PART OF IT-

THERE HE IS!


FINISH HIM, BULL?
NO. BIG SURF TONIGHT. THE USUAL.

-WHEN HE'S FOUND-NO WOUNDS- ANOTHER DRUNK WHO FELL INTO THE DRINK.
FALK & BARRY 8/23

THE DEATH HOUSE OF HYDRA!

NOT THIS TIME, HYDRA!
FALK & BARRY 8/24

UNDER THE "DEATH HOUSE" OF HYDRA--

TRIED TO KILL THEIR OWN MAN— BECAUSE HE MADE A MISTAKE--
TALK & BARRY 8/26

UH— NO— LEMME BE--
WELL! THE MUTE HAS FOUND HIS TONGUE! YOU TALK AFTER ALL!

UH-- WHO ARE YOU? SOME KINDA--CRAZY HOOD?
TOMORROW: REMEMBER ME?

YOU PRETENDED YOU COULDN'T TALK.
UH—YOU'RE THE GUY I LED HERE--?
TALK & BARRY 8/27

--WHERE THEY TRIED TO KILL YOU INSTEAD!
BECAUSE I FAILED. THEY ONLY GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE--
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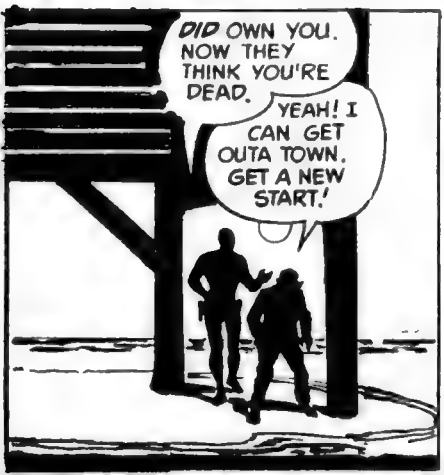
I'M A NO-GOOD BUM. I TRIED TO GET YOU KILLED! STILL YOU SAVED MY LIFE! WHY?
EVERY MAN'S LIFE IS PRECIOUS-

--YOURS AS MUCH AS ANYONE ELSE'S.
NO ONE ELSE WOULD RISK THEIR NECK FOR ME. YOU DID! WHO--ARE YOU?

WHY DID YOU WORK FOR HYDRA?
BAILED ME OFF A SMALL RAP. NOW THEY OWN ME.


DID OWN YOU. NOW THEY THINK YOU'RE DEAD.
YEAH! I CAN GET OUTA TOWN. GET A NEW START!

FIRST, LEAD ME TO THE HYDRA CENTER-- TO HELP ME DESTROY THEM.
ARE YOU A COP?
TALK & BARRY 8/28

NO. I WORK ALONE.
YOU ARE LOONEY. THEY'RE EVERYWHERE! THEY'LL SMASH YOU-- LIKE A BUG!
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MUM, WHAT DOES HYDRA DO?
HEISTS, RACKETS, DRUGS, BOOZE, GAMBLING-- YOU NAME IT--

--ALL OVER THE WORLD! AND YOU WANT TO "DESTROY" THEM -- ALONE?
YOU CAN'T! KNOCK OFF ONE, TWO TAKE HIS PLACE!
FALK & BARRY 8/29

AMAZING YOU'D SAY THAT. THERE WAS A BEAST CALLED HYDRA -- WITH NINE HEADS.
CUT OFF ONE, TWO SPRANG IN ITS PLACE!

HUH? YOU TALK FUNNY--
THE GANG WON'T THINK IT'S FUNNY. NOW -- A LOOK AT THEIR "DEATH HOUSE."

MUM, HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE TAKEN INTO THAT HYDRA "DEATH HOUSE?"
WHO KNOWS? MANY WENT IN, NONE CAME OUT -- ALIVE.

I'M GOING IN FOR A LOOK--
IN THERE?! ARE YOU CRAZY?!

WAIT HERE FOR ME.
FALK & BARRY 8/30

I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN -- BUT I'LL WAIT A WHILE--
--BECAUSE HE SAID MY LIFE IS PRECIOUS--MINE--

THE "DEATH HOUSE" OF HYDRA--

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IN THE MYSTERIOUS HOUSE OF HYDRA!
ELECTRIC CHAIR!
THIS EVIL PLACE...
TALK & BARRY 9/2
...MUST BE DESTROYED...
I'D BETTER LOOK AROUND...
TALK & BARRY 9/3
CHECK--
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
WHOEVER THAT GUY IS WHO WENT IN... HE'S IN TROUBLE...
JAK?
YES, BULL?
!
WHAT IS IT, BULL?
IS THAT YOU UP THERE, JAK?
THIS HOUSE OF HYDRA IS AN ABOMINATION--
--IT MUST BE DESTROYED!
MAKE SURE EVERYTHING'S OKAY--
BULL--THIS WINDOW'S OPEN!
TALK & BARRY 9/4

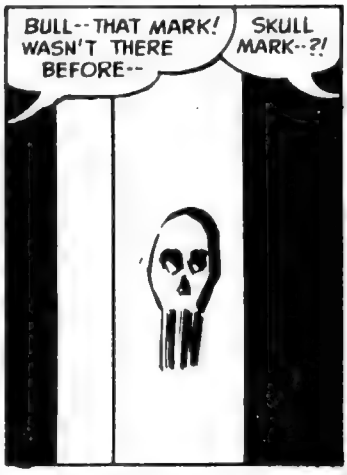
BULL--THINK SOMEBODY--BROKE IN?
WHO'D BE CRAZY ENOUGH TO BREAK IN HERE?
FALK & BARRY 9/5

YOU MUSTA LEFT IT OPEN, JAK.
DON'T THINK SO.
UH-- THEM -- WHERE HE WENT IN. THEY (GULP) MUSTA CAUGHT HIM--

BUT "THEY" HAVEN'T CAUGHT "HIM"--
THIS HYDRA HOUSE OF EVIL--MUST BE DESTROYED

CRASH!
WHAT'S THAT?
I DON'T KNOW!

WHAT WAS THAT CRASH?
IT CAME FROM IN HERE--


BULL--THAT MARK! WASN'T THERE BEFORE--
SKULL MARK--?!

SOMEBODY IS HERE! I'LL RING THE ALARM! THAT GIVES US-TEN MINUTES!

AND IN A DISTANT PLACE--
ALARM FROM 13-- THAT'S THE DEATH HOUSE!
3
4
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13
FALK & BARRY 9/6

IN THE HOUSE OF HYDRA--
FALK & BARRY 9/7

CRASH!
?!
FROM THE CHAIR ROOM!

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!

IN THE HOUSE OF HYDRA.
SOMEBODY-- SMASHED THE CHAIR!
LOOK!

THAT SAME MARK -- A SKULL!

FIND HIM FAST, WHO-EVER IT IS! I ALREADY GAVE THE ALARM.
THAT MEANS -LESS THAN 10 MINUTES LEFT!

ELSEWHERE IN HYDRA-
ALERT FROM STATION 13, LESS THAN TWO MINUTES AGO!
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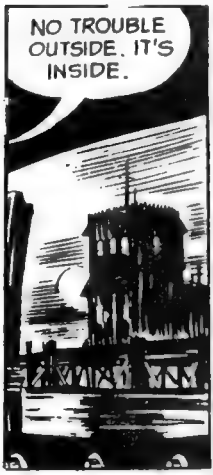
TALK & BARRY 9/9

TROUBLE IN STATION 13 -- SEND MEN?
NO TIME.


NO TROUBLE OUTSIDE. IT'S INSIDE.

THEY HAVE TEN MINUTES TO SOLVE THE TROUBLE!
TALK & BARRY 9/10

IF THE ALARM IS NOT TURNED OFF IN TEN MINUTES, STATION 13 WILL BE INSTANTLY DESTROYED!

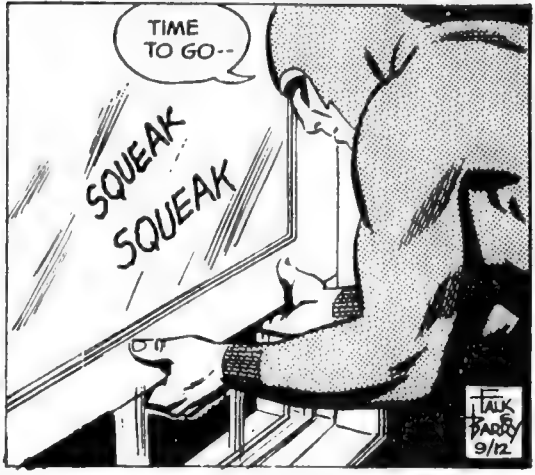
"TROUBLE" AT STATION 13.

--IF WE DON'T FIND WHOEVER IS HERE IN TEN MINUTES--THE PLACE WILL BE DESTROYED? HOW?

HOW? I DON'T KNOW! ONLY SEVEN MINUTES LEFT--LOOK IN HERE.

HERE-- TOO!
BUT WHO?
TALK & BARRY 9/11
TOMORROW-- HIM!

IN THE HOUSE OF HYDRA.
THIS TERRIBLE PLACE. I HATE TO THINK HOW IT'S BEEN USED!


TIME TO GO--
SQUEAK SQUEAK
FALK & BARRY 9/12

SQUEAK SQUEAK
?
!

?
!

IN THE HOUSE OF HYDRA--
YES, BUT WHO IS-- LOOK OUT!
HERE HE IS--

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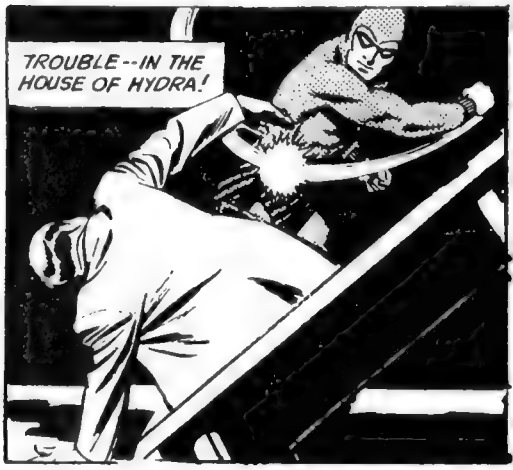
FALK & BARRY 9/13

THE PHANTOM DIVES HEADLONG AT THEM!


TROUBLE--IN THE HOUSE OF HYDRA!

MY GUN!
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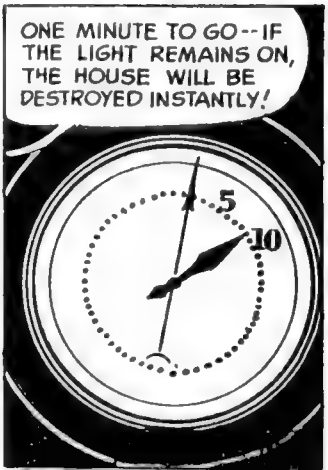
STILL NO SIGN OF ANYTHING OUTSIDE AT THE HOUSE-- BUT THE ALARM IS STILL ON.


ONE MINUTE TO GO--IF THE LIGHT REMAINS ON, THE HOUSE WILL BE DESTROYED INSTANTLY!
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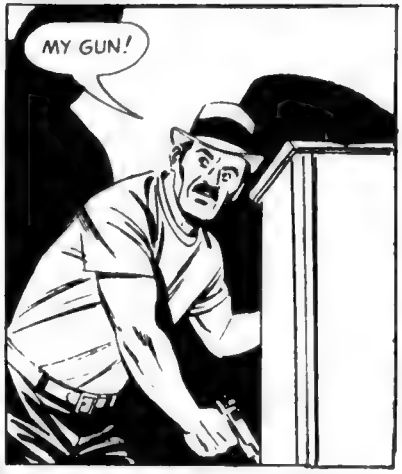
THE HOUSE OF HYDRA--
UH--!


MY GUN!

ONE MORE STEP AND I'LL SHOOT!
FALK & BARRY 9/16

IN THE DISTANT HYDRA H.Q.—
5
10
THE ALERT IS STILL ON -- THE TEN MINUTES ARE UP!

AT HYDRA H.Q.
TEN MINUTES ARE UP! DESTROY STATION 13--
5
6
13

13

IN THE HOUSE OF HYDRA--
I WARNED YOU -- NOW!

CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!
THE ALARM BELL!
?!
FALK & BARRY 9/17

RING RING CLANG CLANG
THE ALARM -- WE'RE FINISHED!

THE BUILDING IS FILLED WITH A DEAFENING SOUND OF BELLS--
CLANG CLANG RING!
WHAT IS THIS?
RING RING

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
?
RING!
RING

!?
FALK & BARRY 9/18

CLANG CLANG RING RING
FIRE BOMBS-- EXPLODING ALL OVER THE PLACE!

FALK & BARRY 9/19

AS MUM WATCHES HORRIFIED--
THEY ARE BLOWING UP THE PLACE! MY FRIEND --STILL INSIDE-- ALIVE?

OTHERS ALSO WATCH!
THE BOMB MECHANISM WORKS WELL! IN A SHORT TIME STATION 13 WILL NO LONGER EXIST.

THE BLAZING HOUSE OF HYDRA.
QUICK-- THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR!

TOO LATE!
FALK & BARRY 9/20

THEY DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET OUT! WE'RE FINISHED--
NOT YET!

NOBODY IN THERE-- CAN GET OUT!
FIRE

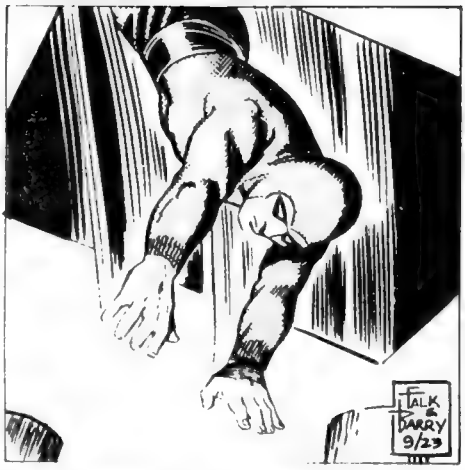
FOUR-ALARM FIRE ON THE WHARF-- THE HOUSE OF HYDRA.

--NO ESCAPE!
I REMEMBER THIS ROOM.
FALK & BARRY 9/21

THE BED THAT OPENS-- INTO THE OCEAN!

FIRE ENGINES ARE TOO LATE. THE BUILDING AND ALL IN IT ARE FINISHED!

--NO!
GO, MAN! IT'S THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS INFERNO!


TALK & BARRY 9/23

THE END OF STATION 13.

THE PLACE IS FINISHED! TRY TO KEEP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING--

THAT'S THE END OF THAT!
THE HOUSE OF HYDRA IS FINISHED--

--AND ALL IN IT. WRITE A FULL REPORT TO THE CENTER.
CLICK

--BUT NOT ALL WHO WERE IN IT ARE "FINISHED."
TALK & BARRY 9/24

HOW MANY WERE CAUGHT IN THAT PLACE?
ONLY ONE-- BULL-- UNLESS HE GOT OUT, TOO.

HOW DID THE FIRE START?
YOU A COP?

NO. TALK!
WHEN WE FOUND ANY TROUBLE, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO RING THE ALARM. WE DID.
TALK & BARRY 9/25

WE HAD TEN MINUTES TO FIND THE TROUBLE-- WE DIDN'T-

HOW COULD THEY START A FIRE FROM ALL THAT WAY ACROSS TOWN?
RADIO SIGNAL OR ELECTRICAL IMPULSE--

TALK & BARRY 9/26
ODD-- IN THE ANCIENT TALE-- HERCULES FOUGHT HYDRA-- HE CUT OFF ONE HEAD, TWO SPRANG IN ITS PLACE.

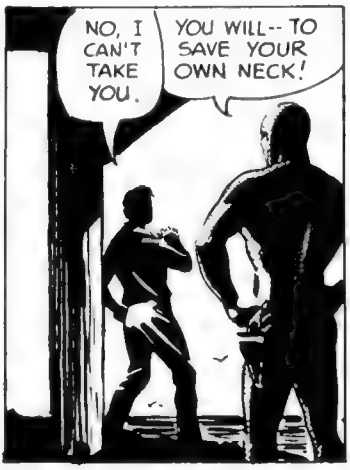
HE FOUND WHEN HE USED FIRE, HE DESTROYED IT FOR GOOD. NOW -- ONE HYDRA HEAD IS DESTROYED -- BY FIRE!

HUH? YOU TALK FUNNY. SAY, WHO ARE YOU?
NEVER MIND. WHERE ARE THEY?

WHERE IS HYDRA H.Q.?
I DON'T KNOW. THEY KEEP IT SECRET.
TALK & BARRY 9/27

YOU'RE LYING -- YOU SAID -- "HOW COULD THEY START THAT FIRE FROM ALL THAT WAY ACROSS TOWN?"
TAKE ME!

YOU'RE CRAZY! THEY'LL FINISH BOTH OF US!
THEY TRIED TO FINISH YOU IN THAT FIRETRAP!


NO, I CAN'T TAKE YOU.
YOU WILL-- TO SAVE YOUR OWN NECK!

WHOEVER THAT MASKED GUY WAS-- HE DIED IN THERE--?
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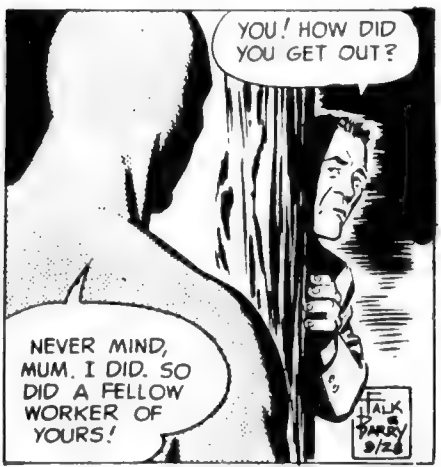

YOU! HOW DID YOU GET OUT?
NEVER MIND, MUM. I DID. SO DID A FELLOW WORKER OF YOURS!
TALK & BARRY 9/28

JAK! YOU TRIED TO FINISH ME IN THAT PLACE!
MUM-- YOU KNOW IT WAS MY JOB.

YOUR JOB? YOU @!!*!
HEY--

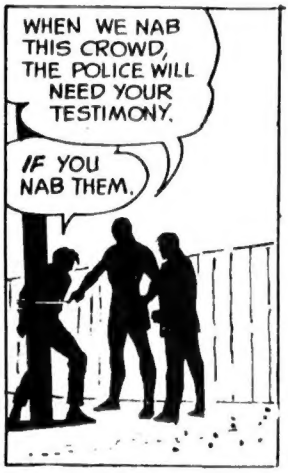
BREAK IT UP, YOU TWO, WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
JAK'S GOING TO SHOW US HYDRA H.Q.!
NO, I CAN'T!

YOU WILL -- TO SAVE YOUR NECK! YOU WERE PART OF THE HYDRA -- HOW MANY DID YOU KILL?
NONE! NONE!

YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE THAT. NOW SHOW US THE HYDRA H.Q.! GO!
FALK & BARRY 9/30

THAT'S THE PLACE.
HYDRA H.Q. IN THAT FACTORY? WE'LL SEE.

MUM, YOU GUARD THIS JOKER. REMEMBER, HE TRIED TO FINISH YOU.
I'M NOT LIKELY TO FORGET!


WHEN WE NAB THIS CROWD, THE POLICE WILL NEED YOUR TESTIMONY.
IF YOU NAB THEM.

FALK & BARRY 10/1
HE'S RIGHT. WE WON'T COUNT OUR CHICKENS YET.

WILL I FIND HYDRA INSIDE THIS FACTORY?

IT'S DARK IN THERE.

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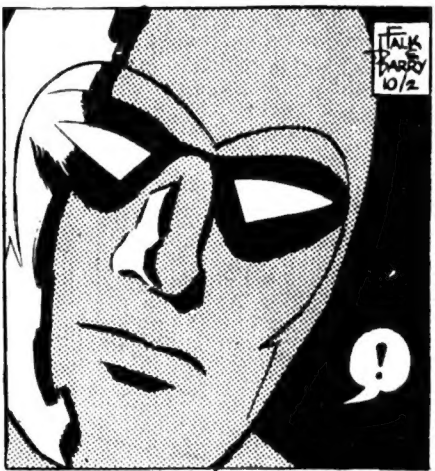
FALK & BARRY 10/2
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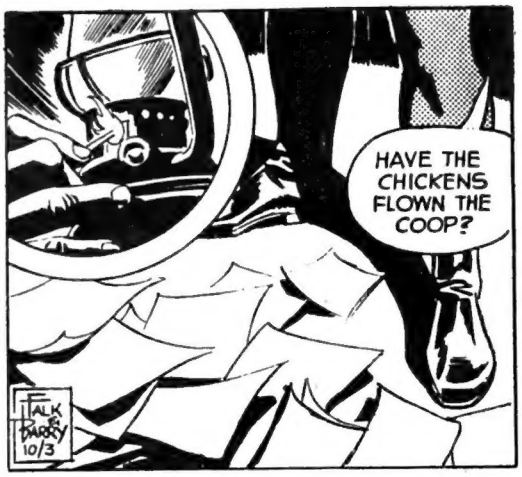
JUST WINDOW DUMMIES -- MANNEQUINS!

THEY MUST MAKE THEM IN THIS FACTORY. A FRONT FOR THE HYDRA MOB.

IT'S DARK IN THERE. LIGHT SWITCH DOESN'T WORK. THAT LANTERN BACK THERE—


HAVE THE CHICKENS FLOWN THE COOP?
TALK & BARRY 10/3

ALL THOSE VIEWING SCREENS?
THE HYDRA H.Q.— BUT WHERE ARE THEY?

NONE WORK--WHAT WERE THEY USED FOR?
CLICK!
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THE WIRES HAVE BEEN PULLED OUT! WHAT WAS THIS BUTTON SYSTEM? WAS THIS HOW THEY STARTED THE FIRE?

TALK & BARRY 10/4
DON'T MOVE--STAY WHERE YOU ARE--
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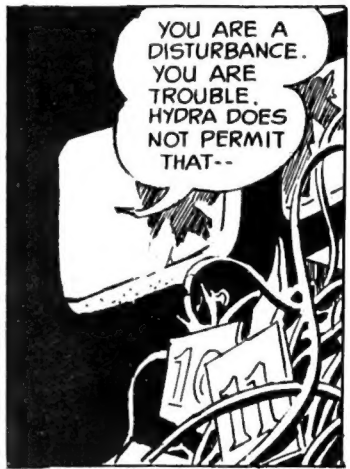
DON'T MOVE-- YOU'RE COVERED FROM ALL SIDES.
WHERE ARE YOU?


YOU ARE A DISTURBANCE. YOU ARE TROUBLE. HYDRA DOES NOT PERMIT THAT--

YOU MUST BE DESTROYED.
WHERE ARE YOU-- WHO ARE YOU?

THE VOICE GOES ON— UNHEEDING--
TALK & BARRY 10/5
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE --YOU WILL BE DESTROYED--
?

HYDRA H.Q.—A VOICE IN THE DARK--
--YOU WILL BE DESTROYED--
YOU LEFT IN A HURRY-- WHERE ARE YOU?

THERE WAS A DISTURBANCE IN STATION 13-- WHOEVER IT WAS- DID NOT DIE THERE.

IT IS LOGICAL THAT YOU WOULD FIND YOUR WAY HERE. YOU HAVE--

—FOR THIS YOU MUST BE DESTROYED.
THE VOICE IS COMING FROM HERE!
FALK & BARRY 10/7
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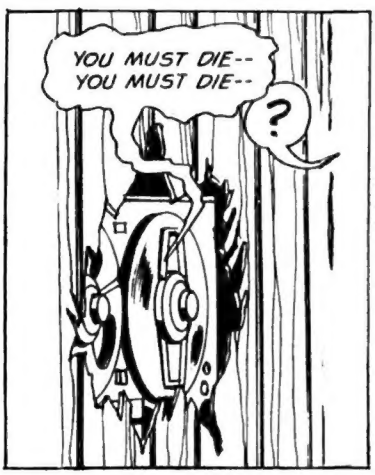
YOU CANNOT DEFY HYDRA AND LIVE.
THE VOICE IS COMING FROM HERE--

HYDRA IS ALL-POWERFUL.. CUT DOWN ONE --TWO RISE IN ITS PLACE.
THEY KNOW THE LEGEND, TOO.

HYDRA DEMANDS COMPLETE SECRECY. SINCE YOU DISCOVERED OUR EXISTENCE--

YOU MUST DIE--
FALK & BARRY 10/8


YOU MUST DIE-- YOU MUST DIE--
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YOU MUST DIE -- YOU MUST DIE.
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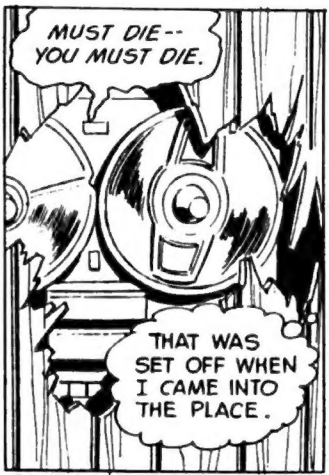
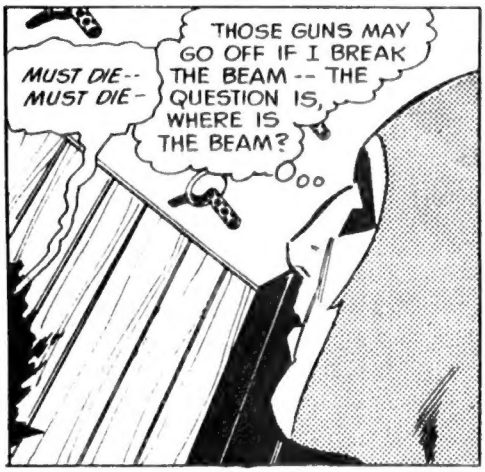
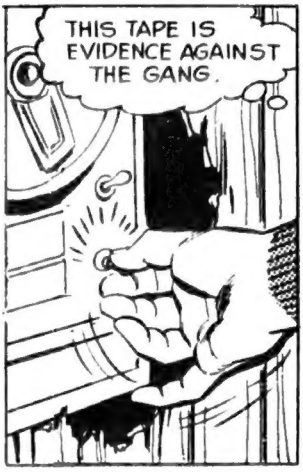

MUST DIE-- YOU MUST DIE.
THAT WAS SET OFF WHEN I CAME INTO THE PLACE.

-- YOU MUST DIE--
GUNS IN THE CEILING! THEY, TOO, WILL GO OFF AUTOMATICALLY-- IF I BREAK A BEAM—
FALK & BARRY 10/9





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